

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 9 (canceled)

10 (currently amended): In combination:

a hanger rod for supporting one or more components of a building from building structure;

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a clamp having a straight first clamp segment and a straight second clamp spaced from said first clamp segment and parallel thereto, each of said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment being double-ended and threaded over at least a portion of the length thereof, said clamp including a third clamp segment integral with and extending between ends of said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment;

a plate connected to said clamp and defining spaced openings, ends of said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment remote from said third clamp segment projecting through said spaced openings, said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment disposed on opposed sides of said hanger rod and said third clamp segment and said plate disposed on other opposed sides of said hanger rod, said connected plate and clamp surrounding said hanger rod;

nuts threadedly engaged with the ends of said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment projecting through said spaced openings urging said plate toward said third clamp segment; and

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an elongated stiffener member surrounded by said connected plate and clamp and disposed between said plate and said third clamp segment, said hanger rod extending parallel to said elongated stiffener member and engaged by said elongated stiffener member, and said elongated stiffener member cooperable with said clamp to maintain the hanger rod in a predetermined position relative to said elongated stiffener member and said clamp wherein said hanger rod is in engagement with said elongated stiffener member and with said clamp, at least a portion of said third clamp segment being straight and non-orthogonally disposed relative to said first clamp segment and said second clamp segment and cooperable with said elongated stiffener member to continuously exert lateral forces on said hanger rod continuously urging said hanger rod to said predetermined position due to clamping engagement of said hanger rod between said elongated stiffener member and the third clamp segment, and said plate being in contact with said elongated stiffener member at a location on said elongated stiffener member spaced from said hanger rod and urging said elongated stiffener member toward said hanger rod and said third clamp segment, said predetermined position located at an intersection between said third clamp segment and said first clamp segment.

11 - 18 (canceled)